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AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

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Stated Meeting, July 18.

Present, eight members.

Judge KANE, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Letters were read:—

From the Baron J. Von Hammer Purgstall, dated Vienna, Dec. 1855, and from Richard Cull, Esq., Secretary of the Ethnological Society of London, dated 13 Tavistock Street, Bedford Square, April 23, 1856, announcing donations for the library of the Society.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Bulletin de la Société de Géographie. IV. Serie. Tome X. Paris, 1855. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

Annales des Mines. V. Serie. Tome VII. 2 livr. de 1855. Paris. 8vo.—*From the Engineers of l'Ecole des Mines.*

Gelehrte Anzeigen, herausgegeben von mitgliedern der K. Bayerischen Akademie der Wissenschaften. Band 40, 41. München. 4to.

Friedr. Wilh. Jos. von Schelling. Denkrede von Dr. Hubert Peters. März 28, 1855.

Rede in K. Akad der Wissenschaften zu ihrer 96 Stiftungsfeier: gehalten von Fr. von Thiersch.

Ueber die Gliederung der Bevölkerung des Königreichs Bayern. Festrede von Dr. Fr. B. W. von Hermann, Nov. 28, 1855. München. 4to.

Annalen der Königl. Sternwarte bei München: von Dr. J. Lamont, Conservator der Sternwarte, &c. &c. VIII. Band. München. 8vo.—*From the Royal Bavarian Academy of Sciences.*

- Proceedings of the Royal Geographical Society of London. Nos. 1, 2. Nov. 1855 to April, 1856. London. 8vo.—*From the Society.*
- Journal of the Ethnological Society of London. Vol. IV. 1856: with List of Members and Regulations of the Society. London. 8vo.—*From the Society.*
- Acoustics and Logic, in their application to reading aloud: A Lecture delivered in University Hall, Oct. 12, 1855: With an Appendix on the Clergyman's Sore Throat. By Richard Cull, Fellow of the Ethnological Society. London. 8vo.
- Two Letters addressed to the Author of "The Land of Silence," an article in the Edinburgh Review for 1855. By a Gentleman. 8vo.—*From Richard Cull, Esq.*
- Astronomical and Meteorological Observations made at the Radcliffe Observatory, Oxford, in the year 1854; under the superintendence of Manuel J. Johnson, M. A. Radcliffe Observer, Vol. XV. Oxford, 1856. 8vo.—*From the Radcliffe Trustees.*
- Geschichte Wassaf's:—Persisch herausgegeben und Deutsch übersetzt, von Hammer Purgstall. Band I. Wien, 1856. 4to.—*From the Baron von Hammer Purgstall.*
- Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society. Vol. XVI. No. 7. May 9, 1856. London. 8vo.—*From the Society.*
- Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society. Vol. III. Fourth Series. Boston, 1856. 8vo.—*From the Society.*
- Journal of the Franklin Institute. Third Series. Vol. XXXII. No. 1. July, 1856. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Institute.*
- Almanaque Nautico para 1857, calculado de orden de S. M. en el Observatorio de Marina de la ciudad de San Fernando. Cadiz, 1855. 8vo.—*From the Observatory.*
- African Repository. Vol. XXXII. No. 7. July, 1856. Washington. 8vo.—*From the American Colonization Society.*
- Twentieth Annual Report of the Committee of the Young Men's Association of the City of Buffalo. Buffalo, 1856. 8vo. *From the Association.*
- The American Journal of Science and Arts. Vol. XXII. No. 64. July, 1856. New Haven. 8vo.—*From the Editors.*
- History of the Ordinance of 1787. By Edward Coles, formerly Governor of the State of Illinois, &c. &c. Read before the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, June 9, 1856. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Hist. Society of Pennsylvania.*

- On the Tides of the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts of the United States,—the Gulf Stream,—and the Earthquake waves of December, 1854. By A. D. Bache, Superintendent of the U. S. Coast Survey. (Am. Jour. Sci. and Arts. Vol. XXI. 1856.)—*From the Author.*
- The American Journal of the Medical Sciences. No. LXIII. New Series. July, 1856. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From Dr. Isaac Hays, Editor.*
- The Medical News and Library. Vol. XIV. No. 163. July, 1856. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From Blanchard & Lea.*
- Report of the U. S. Mint and its Branches, including the Assay Office, for the year 1855. Washington. 8vo.—*From J. R. Snowden, Esq. Director.*
- Lemon Hill, in its connection with the efforts of our citizens and councils to obtain a Public Park. Philadelphia, June, 1856. 8vo.
- Catalogue of the Graduates of the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, from the first commencement, held in 1826, to that of 1856 inclusive: With the Announcement of the College for the session of 1856-7. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*Donors unknown.*

The committees on Dr. Hallowell's paper, "On some new and rare species of Scincidæ in the collection of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia," and on Dr. Leidy's paper, "On Remains of Walrus discovered on the coast of the United States," reported in favour of publication in the Transactions of the Society, which was ordered accordingly.

Dr. Harris announced the decease of James Gibson, Esq., of Philadelphia, a member of this Society, who died on the 8th inst. aged 87.

Judge Kane announced the decease of Dr. John Locke, of Cincinnati, a member of this Society, who died on the 10th inst. aged 64.

A paper by Dr. Joseph Leidy, entitled "Descriptions of the Remains of Fishes, from the Carboniferous Limestone of Illinois and Missouri," was presented, and referred to a committee consisting of Prof. Frazer, Mr. Trego and Dr. Bridges.

Judge Kane laid upon the table the medal presented by the Royal Geographical Society of London to Dr. E. K. Kane, as a tribute to his zeal and success in prosecuting discoveries in the Arctic regions.

The Society then proceeded to the stated business of the meeting, the balloting for candidates for membership.

All other business having been concluded, the ballot boxes were opened by the presiding officer, and the following named gentlemen declared to be duly elected members of the Society:—

Rev. J. C. ADAMSON, D. D., of Philadelphia.

J. P. LESLEY, do.

Rev. JOHN LEYBURN, do.

HUGH BLAIR GRIGSBY, L.L.D., of Virginia.

Stated Meeting, August 15.

Present, eight members.

Dr. DUNGLISON, Vice-President, in the Chair.

The Rev. Dr. Leyburn, a recently elected member, was introduced, and took his seat.

Letters were read:—

From the Rev. John Leyburn, dated Philadelphia, Aug. 13, 1856, acknowledging the receipt of notice of his election as a member of the Society:—

From Dr. William Balfour Baikie, dated Haslar Hospital, near Portsmouth, July 9, 1856, accompanying a donation for the library:—

From the Trustees of the Boston Athenæum, dated July 31, 1856;—from the Corporation of Harvard College, and from the New Jersey Historical Society, dated Aug. 1, 1856:—from the Connecticut Historical Society, dated Hartford, Aug. 2, 1856,—severally acknowledging the receipt of No. 55 of the Proceedings: and—

From John Samuel, Esq., dated Philadelphia, Aug. 12, 1856, offering for sale certain property to the Society.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Journal of the Royal Dublin Society. No. 2. July, 1856. Dublin.
8vo.—*From the Society.*